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**South African Library for the Blind**  
GRAHAMSTOWN

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BRAILLE BOOKS.

MOON TYPE BOOKS.

MUSIC.

TALKING BOOK RECORDS.

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**22ND ANNUAL REPORT**

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*1st January, 1945—31st December, 1945.*

# The South African Library for the Blind.

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## 22nd ANNUAL MEETING

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The annual general meeting of the South African Library for the Blind was held on April 3rd in St. George's Hall, the Rev. G. H. P. Jacques, M.B.E. (Chairman of the Council) presiding over a large attendance. Welcoming those present he said the institution was unique in the history of institutions in S. Africa inasmuch as it prepared and circulated over 7,000 books among readers, and has on its shelves over 10,000 volumes. It had been doing that work for many years, and doing it with increasing success, and they were proud that it was originated in Grahamstown and that its founder was happily still employed in its work. He specially welcomed Mr. Samuel Thomson, of Johannesburg, who was their guest speaker, and Mrs. Thomson. Their work for the Library had been beyond all praise. When he saw the needs of the Provident fund he undertook to interview influential people in Johannesburg and by his untiring efforts they had received over £3,000. (Applause.) The Library appreciated also the work of Col. Fuller, as treasurer. He had now retired and they thanked him gratefully for his past services. They welcomed Mr. Yamey who had kindly taken over that office.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

July was the time for nominating members of the Council for the ensuing three years. The Hon. Mr. Justice Lansdown agreed to be President for a further period. There were some changes. We were sorry that, owing to ill-health, Col. Fuller felt obliged to resign. He had been treasurer since August, 1933. Unfor-

tunately Mrs. Putterill resigned last October as she was leaving Grahams-town. She had been an interested and helpful member for 12½ years and on occasion represented the Library at meetings of the S.A. National Council for the Blind. Miss M. Spurling was nominated in her place. Mr. B. S. Yamey (Rhodes College) was elected treasurer. Dr. J. D. Louw was the nominee of the Dutch Reformed Church in place of Prof. Rousseau.

In November the Rev. J. H. Reed joined the Council in place of the late Rev. Charles Crabtree. Mr. Reed becomes representative of the Durban Society for the Blind, as we hold their Braille books in trust.

At our first meeting Mr. Jacques was unanimously elected chairman. He also represents the Library on the voters' roll. He and the secretary (Miss J. Wood) are trustees.

We appreciate the help given by Mr. E. A. Wagstaff in auditing our books.

### Books and Magazines..

At the end of the year we owned 10,516 volumes, an increase of nearly 500. During the year 7,453 volumes were issued. Miss Espin introduced the card index system and it is proving very useful. We take 39 magazines, two more than last year. Whenever possible we take three or four copies of the most popular. There are special magazines for special subjects, others are of general interest.

Mr. Allwright continues to give us two copies of his hand-done quarterly 'Braille Club' magazine and we contribute our usual £20 a year

towards the production of the bilingual magazine at Worcester. During the year 6,831 magazines went out with the books.

Among books bought were: "Inside Latin America" (Gunther), "Round the year on the farm" (Street), "Man born to be King" (six last plays) (Sayers). There have been some very interesting Pandas such as "Britain's Brains Trust," "The Road to Serfdom," books on current affairs, detective stories, etc. Several readers have given us their books, pandas and magazines. We are always glad of extra copies in good condition. Now that the war is over, we are again able to borrow books from the National Library, London.

#### Transcribers.

One of our transcribers, Mrs. Vernal, has had to give up her work owing to ill-health. We are deeply grateful for all she did. She transcribed 29 volumes for us and her Braille was of the best. She helped with Braille teaching and coached transcribers who wished to take the National Library Test (London). Her last book, "The City of Gold," was unfinished, but it is now complete in ten volumes. Miss Canning, who finished it, has lately come from England where she transcribed many books for the National Institute for the Blind. Mrs. Leach has finished "Piper in the wind" in five volumes. Mr. H. M. Matthew started it but unfortunately had an accident to his shoulder and cannot now manage Braille.

Father Millard did "Pienaar of Alamein" (two vols.), "The Road to Avalon" (two vols.); Mrs. Ratsey "Destination Chungking" (four vols.); Mrs. Rose-Innes "Anne of Ingleside" (four vols.); Miss Espin "In Defence of Poetry" (one vol.).

The Guild of Church Braillists sent among other books: "God in the Slums" (two vols) and Glover's "The Jesus of History" (three vols.). One reader, Miss Marjorie Watson, who is such a moving spirit on the committee of the Cape Town Civilian Blind Society, has re-copied popular worn-out books. "The Mistake" (three vols.) and "Midsummer Day" (four vols.). Miss Watson has offered to Braille two copies of the annual report. She is enthusiastic about starting a "Red Cross Chapter of Braille Transcribers," such as they have in America.

We are in need of more Afrikaans books and are offering to pay 3d. a sheet to sighted transcribers and 4½d. to non-sighted. Dr. Biesenbach is putting a notice to that effect in "Die Nuwe Pionier."

#### Music.

We had a special gift of over £66 for "the purchase and upkeep of Braille Music." Lieut. Morris raised this sum by a series of recitals and sent it to us through Mr. Chadwick Bates. We have written to music teachers and performers for suggestions. Mrs. Mosenthal, who gave us her services one morning in the week while she was teaching music at the D.S.G., made lists from the available catalogues of Braille music. Orders were sent to England and songs and organ, piano and violin music have come. In addition to this Braille music we hope to start a section for gramophone music records as soon as we can get the necessary space and shelving and the boxes for posting them.

#### Readers.

Twenty-seven new readers joined the Library and five readers died. The number of those reading was 300. One is never sure how many in the schools read the books, but eight

schools and institutions have borrowed books from time to time, often for study purposes as well as for recreation. One institution, Tembani, the branch of St. Dunstan's at Wynberg, is now closed. Some South African members have gone to their own homes and are getting books and records from us. Others have gone overseas to complete their training. We have had news of their progress in the Tembani Times. A quarterly edition of this splendid little paper is to be published overseas and we look forward to seeing it. We have lately had a letter of appreciation from Miss Bessie Erasmus, who was using our Library in Miss Comber's time. She has kept a record and says she has had 1,300 volumes (not including magazines). One reader in Gambia says how much he enjoys the magazines, especially "The Reader's Digest" which helps to pass many long hours of the night. Miss Sannie Malan is a keen mission worker and has been putting the Gospel of St. John into Portuguese Braille.

Mr. Eduard Ventèr entered eight candidates for the piano examinations. Seven passed, one with honours, three with hon. mention.

Ursula Pfeffer (a pupil of Mr. Cohen's) passed the Junior Certificate with four distinctions in English, Afrikaans, German and typewriting. Mr. William Herley was a constant reader from the time Mrs. Hannam taught him Braille in 1920. He died in 1945 and has left the Library £10.

#### **Talking Book Records.**

At the end of the year we had 545 books (8,369 records). We bought a number from England and from America. Of 2,434 bought, 69 were replacements. There were 147 new titles. We presented 126 records to the blind lepers at Westfort. Among books bought were: "It's too late

now" (A. A. Milne), "Atlantic Meeting" (H. V. Morton), "Mrs. Parkinson" (Bromfield), "Journey among warriors" (Curie), "The Robe" (Douglas), "My friend Flicka" (O'Hara), and several plays and detective stories.

We are badly in need of more fibre cases for posting the records. Of 24,731 records issued in the year 71 were broken; 34 badly scratched records were discarded.

Nine new readers started this year and two members died. We have 64 individual members and four societies using this section of the Library. There have been a number of inquiries about buying talking book machines, but when one sees that in England there is a waiting list of 500, our chance of getting many is rather remote, but we have written to order them.

#### **Provident Fund.**

This fund was worked up by our friend, Mr. Samuel Thomson. The money was invested in Post Office Certificates and Union Loan Certificates and is used at the discretion of the Library Council. It has proved of great benefit to a member of our staff who served the Library for over 20 years and has been unable to work since she broke her hip in 1944. Many of those who gave originally to the Provident Fund have now become annual subscribers to our general funds. We much appreciate the generous response to our appeal.

#### **Allocation of Funds.**

On the suggestion of Mr. Thomson, who is one of our patrons, we have decided on a new policy with regard to our finances, i.e. allocating funds for specific purposes:—

(a) Providing for repairs on a more generous scale; (b) putting special donations not earmarked for



any specific purpose to capital account; (c) increasing the salaries of the present staff as from January, 1945, and putting the increase into the Provident Fund, so that if any member leaves the service of the Library she will withdraw the amount credited to her with interest.

Further, we considered plans for the development of the Library and ways and means to do so in the next three years. First, by taking in one of the upstairs flats to give us the room we need and by making improvements in equipment, e.g. steel shelving, filing cupboards, proper fire protection; second, by using the Carnegie Grant (given for development) for subsidising the production of Afrikaans talking-book records. Attempts to make these in this country were a failure, but we hope now that the war is over to co-operate with the S.A. National Council for the Blind in getting them made overseas if the London National Institute for the Blind will undertake the production; third, by starting a collection of recorded music which might prove of value to many music teachers; fourth, by purchasing books and talking book records on a larger scale and when possible buying talking book machines to lend to readers unable to buy their own.

#### **Grateful Thanks.**

A list of all amounts given to our funds is printed with the report. We are most grateful to all private donors and to public bodies. Grants were made by the Social Welfare Department, the four Provincial Councils, the S.A. National Council for the Blind, St. Dunstan's and from two divisional councils and three municipalities. "In appreciation of the services rendered by the Library to soldiers blinded in the present war," we have received two cheques

for £100, one from the Governor-General's War Funds and the other from the four oil companies (Atlantic, Caltex, Shell and Vacuum). Many societies have helped us and collecting boxes in Public Libraries have brought in over £100. Generous gifts have come from schools in Grahamstown and elsewhere. I must mention the passing of one of the Library's very good friends, Miss Nonie Mullins, who has helped in many ways and year by year she and her friends made badges to be sold for our benefit at St. Andrew's College sports.

Gifts in kind were Christmas cards, drawing books and playing cards. These last were brailled by Mr. Meaker for readers requiring them. Six Braille writing machines were most acceptable, as machines of any sort are difficult to import.

We acknowledge gratefully all that is done for us locally especially by the Standard Bank, the E.P. Guardian Company, the local Press and the Women's League of Help. The Post Office staff is consistently kind and obliging in spite of all the extra work coming their way through the thousands of books, parcels and letters circulated by the Library.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

The outstanding feature of the 1945 accounts is the splendid increase in Donations and Subscriptions received from the Library's well-wishers. The amount received falls short of £1,300 by only a few pounds. The comparable figure for the previous year was £472. The increase testifies to the increased interest of the public in the Library's work and the success of the fund-raising efforts mentioned by Miss Wood.

It is pleasing to note that both the Cape and the Transvaal Provincial grants have been increased.

As the Library's expenses have remained substantially unchanged, save for an additional £160 for increases in salaries, the income and expenditure account shows an excess of income over expenditure of over £200. This surplus should be considered in conjunction with the fact that £557 of donations have been carried straight to the Capital Account (per the balance sheet), the amount being in respect of possibly non-recurring receipts. If the present flow of income is maintained in the future, the expansion of the Library's services and facilities may proceed without financial hindrance.

The balance sheet shows a highly satisfactory situation. The investments not ear-marked for the Provident Fund, together with cash and bank balances, exceed £3,800, and is available to finance the programme of development and expansion which has been formulated by the Council, and which is now held up only by difficulties of procuring the equipment, etc., required.

Miss Wood is to be congratulated on the excellent financial progress and sound position of the Library.

Moving the adoption of the reports, the Bishop of Grahamstown congratulated Miss Wood on the present condition of affairs in respect of the Library; also Colonel Fuller on his assiduous efforts as treasurer which had been of such value to the Library, and he also welcomed his successor in office who, he felt sure from the financial report they had heard, would worthily carry on the work. (Applause.)

Mr. W. P. Bond formally seconded and the reports were adopted.

## MR. THOMSON'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Thomson, the guest speaker, said he was highly honoured in being invited to come to Grahamstown to this meeting and to have the opportunity of meeting the Council and the staff. As one of those who had derived great benefit from the Library, he said that South Africa owed Miss Wood a debt of gratitude. He also paid a tribute to Miss Blackwell and to the present staff; the extraordinary kindness and unflinching attention and personal interest of those engaged in the work of this wonderful institution proved them to be faithful friends.

He made practical suggestions about Talking Book Machines. He thought, when they were available, those who could afford to buy their own should do so, but the Library might evolve a scheme for lending machines to others.

He recognised the fact that Grahamstown had supported the work consistently but felt that the Library needed more publicity in the bigger centres for when people realised the pleasure and happiness that this service brought to the blind, they were always ready to give generously. That had been his experience in raising funds in Johannesburg. There must be many blind who know nothing of the library and what it provides and a wide field lies open for the expansion of this fine service and for that they would need greater financial support.

He was glad to see subscriptions had increased and that the Provincial Council grants had been enlarged, but he thought that municipalities should consider giving substantial grants for the library service is available to the citizens of all of them.

# SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, GIFTS.

## INCLUDING AMOUNT CREDITED TO CAPITAL FUND

from January 1st to December 31st, 1945.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adams, T. S., Esq. ....	2	2	0	Bond, Mr. & Mrs. W. P. ....	4	2	0
Adendorff, Mr. J. C. ....	15	0		Botha, Miss Antoinette ....	10	0	
African & European Investment Co., Ltd. ....	10	10	0	Brevis, Mr. P. G. ....	10	0	
African Explosives & Industries Ltd. ....	10	10	0	Brookes, Mrs. ....	10	0	
Allen, Mrs. ....	10	0		Brownstein, Mr. J. ....	5	5	0
Anderson, J. D., Esq. ....	1	1	0	Brunsdon, Miss S. ....	1	4	0
Anglo - American Corpn. S.A. Ltd. ....	10	10	0	Bryson, Miss Jessie ....	5	0	
Anglo - Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd. ....	10	10	0	Cape Argus ....	5	0	0
Anon. (Alice) ....	1	1	0	Cape Times Ltd. ....	10	0	0
Anon. (Delmas) ....	10	0		Carlisle, Miss D. ....	1	1	0
Anon. (G.) ....	6	6		Carmichael, Mrs. ....	1	0	6
Anon. (Goodwood) ....	1	0	0	Central News Agency. ....	10	10	0
Anon. (Grahamstown) ....	5	0	0	Cheyne, Mr. ....	10	0	
Anon. (O.) ....	1	0	0	Christie, Charles, Esq. ....	3	3	0
Anon. (Scotland) ....	5	0	0	Cliffe, C. R. and Neale ....	5	5	0
Anon. (Uitenhage) ....	1	0	0	Clydesdale (Transvaal) Collieries Ltd. ....	3	3	0
Apex Mines Ltd. ....	2	2	0	Cockerton, Mrs. ....	6	6	0
Arderne, Scott & Thesen, Ltd. ....	2	2	0	Cogan, Miss A. M. ....	1	1	6
Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. P. ....	10	6		Cook, Wm. T., Esq. ....	5	5	0
Armstrong, Mrs. P. (in memory of her mother, Mrs. Searle) ....	4	14	6	Copeman, Mrs. ....	1	0	0
Austin, Captain ....	5	0		Corlett (Pty.), Messrs. D. F. Ltd. ....	10	11	0
Ayliff, Miss Rose ....	5	0		Creswick, Mrs. ....	2	0	0
Bacon, Mrs. ....	2	2	0	Cunningham, Miss J. ....	2	2	0
Bamford, F. H. S., Esq. ....	3	3	0	Currey, Ewan S., Esq. ....	5	0	0
Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.) ....	10	10	0	Currie, Mrs. W. A. ....	9	6	
Barford, Miss Vera ....	2	2	6	Cuthbert, Mrs. ....	4	0	
Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. ....	2	2	0	Cuthbert & Co., W. M., Ltd. ....	10	10	0
Barratt, Mrs. ....	1	10	0	Davidson, Mr. John ....	1	1	0
Barrow, John (Pty.) Ltd. ....	1	1	0	Davies & Co. Ltd., Hubert Davies, Miss E. B. ....	2	2	0
Baumann, Mr. H. ....	3	0	0	De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. ....	25	0	0
Beatty, G. H., Esq. ....	5	5	0	De Kock, Mrs. ....	10	0	
Bell, Mrs. K. S. ....	1	1	6	Dewar, Chas. H., Esq. ....	1	1	0
Bennett, Mrs. ....	1	1	0	Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. (interest from W. Gordon Dixon Trust Fund) ....	4	0	0
Birkett, R. C., Esq. ....	5	6	0	Dorman, Long (Africa), Ltd. ....	5	5	0
Bond, Mrs. Bevis ....	5	0	0	Douglas, A., Esq. ....	1	0	0



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Drury, Mrs. Dru	1	1	0	Hunt, Leuchars & Hep-			
Duncan, Mrs.	10	0		burn Ltd., Messrs.	2	2	0
Dunn, Mr. F. T.	1	1	6	Immerman, Mr. A.		5	0
Eccles, Mrs.	1	1	0	Impey, Mr. & Mrs.	2	2	6
Elder, J. H., Esq.	1	1	0	Jackson, E. L., Esq.	2	2	0
Elephant Trading (S.A.)				Jackson, Mrs.		5	0
Holdings Ltd.	2	2	0	Jacobs, Miss		2	6
Ensor, Miss		5	0	Jagger & Co., Messrs. J. W.	2	2	0
Espin, C. E., Esq.	1	0	0	Jamieson, E. C., Esq.	2	0	0
Evans & Co., Messrs.				Jarmain, Mr. & Mrs. (in			
Herbert	2	2	0	memory of the late Mrs.			
Farrer, E., Esq.	10	0	0	Dulcie Lang)		10	6
Featherstone, Miss E. E.		10	0	Jarmain, Mr. & Mrs. (in			
Ferguson Bros., Messrs.	3	3	0	memory of the late Mrs.			
Flanagan, P. L., Esq.	2	2	0	Ernest Turner)		10	6
Four Oil Companies of S.A.				Jarmain, Mr. & Mrs. (in			
(Atlantic, Shell, Caltex				memory of the late Mrs.			
and Vacuum)	100	0	0	A. C. Watson of Uiten-			
Fowler, Miss R.		7	6	hage)		10	6
Friel, B. N., Esq.	1	1	6	Jarmain, Mr. & Mrs. (in			
Gair, T., Esq.		13	3	memory of the late Miss			
Gant, Mr. & Mrs.	1	1	0	Pinkerton)	1	1	0
Garlicks Interests.	1	1	0	Johannesburg Consolidated			
Garnett, Mrs.	1	0	0	Investment Co. Ltd.	10	10	0
Gasson, Mrs.	1	2	0	Johnstone & Co. Ltd., W.			
General Mining & Finance				F.		5	5
Corp., Ltd.	10	10	0	Jones, Miss		10	0
Godlonton, Captain B. G.	5	0	0	Kahn, Mrs. S.	1	0	0
Godlonton, Miss E.	5	0	0	Keir, James, Esq.	2	2	0
Godlonton, M. G., Esq. (in				Kelly, Mrs. Wyndham		5	0
memory of D'Urban				Kettlewell, Rev. Canon	1	1	0
Godlonton, Lt. S.A.A.F.)	10	0	0	Kidger, C. E., Esq.	2	2	6
Gordon, Peter		10	0	Kleinfontein Estates and			
Gordon, W., Esq.	3	3	0	Township Ltd.	2	2	0
Graham, Miss E.	1	0	0	Lamb, Miss A. F.	2	2	0
Greaterman's Stores Ltd.	3	3	0	Lansdown, The Hon. Mr.			
Greathead, Mrs. J. B.	1	1	0	Justice	2	2	0
Greenlees, H. C., Esq.	2	2	0	Lawrence, Miss W.		10	0
Groenewald, Mrs. H.		2	6	Lazarus, Miss B.	1	0	0
Guard, Miss C.	1	1	0	Leach, Mrs.	2	0	0
Hall, The Misses A & G.	2	0	0	Leake, C. H., Esq.	1	1	0
Hannam, Mrs. R. P.	5	5	6	Lefebvre, Mrs.	1	0	0
Harris, L. M., Esq.	10	0	0	Lennon Ltd., Messrs.	2	2	0
Hemphill, Robert, Esq.	2	2	0	Le Roux, Mr. James	2	8	0
Herbst, Miss Bertha		10	0	Lilford, A., Esq.	1	1	0
Herring, Miss B.	1	1	0	Lithgow, J. B., Esq.	2	2	0
Holmes, Rev. F.	1	0	0	Love, J. McG., Esq.	21	0	0
Hullah, Mr. & Mrs. J.	1	0	0	Low & Co., Messrs. Douglas	2	2	0

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Mackenzie, George, Esq.	2	2	0	Palmer, Brig. Gen. C. C.	3	3	0
Mackinnon, Mrs.		10	0	Parsons, Mrs.	1	0	0
Mailer, Louis M., Esq.	2	2	0	Pillinger, E. A., Esq.	1	7	6
Malan, Miss Sanie		5	0	Plint, A., Esq.	2	2	0
Mallock, A. B.	2	2	0	Poisson, Mr. M.		3	0
Mapham, Mrs.	5	0	6	Purdon, Mrs. Ross	1	0	0
Mardall, Mrs.	1	1	0	Queate, Mrs. L. H.		10	0
Marillier, Miss E. F.	1	0	0	Queate, Mrs. (in memory			
Markman, Mrs.	1	1	0	of her Husband)	1	0	0
Markman, Mrs. (collection				Radford, Mrs.		10	0
from Humansdorp)	10	10	0	Raffray, Miss Monique	10	0	0
Massey, G. D., Esq.	1	1	0	Rand Daily Mails Ltd.	10	0	0
Matthew, H. M., Esq.	1	0	0	Rand Mines Ltd.	10	10	0
Masson, G., Esq.		3	0	Rand Provident Building			
Maynard, Stanley, Esq.	5	5	0	Society	2	2	0
Meiklejohn, A. C. B., Esq.	2	2	0	Randles Bros. & Hudson	10	10	0
Mennie, R. S., Esq.	2	2	0	Reeler, Mrs.	1	1	0
Meyer, Mrs.		12	6	Reid, Mrs. J. O.	2	2	0
Miles, Mrs. Talbot		5	0	Ritchie, Mr. T. P.	1	0	0
Moody, Miss O.		10	0	Robb, Mr. D.		6	0
Morgan, Mrs. Voyle		10	0	Rosiberg Minerals Devel-			
Mosenthal Bros.	3	3	0	opment Co. Ltd.	2	2	0
Muller, B., Esq.	2	2	0	Russ, V. H., Esq.	5	5	0
Mullins, Miss Nonie and				Rust, Miss Anna		10	0
Helpers (Sale of				Savage, Mrs.		5	0
Rosettes)	1	0	0	Schermbrucker, G. S., Esq.	1	1	0
Mullins, Mrs. Robert		10	0	Scheuble, Mrs. A. E.	5	5	0
Mullins, Mrs. W.	1	0	0	Seaton, Miss L. M.		4	0
McArthur, Mr. & Mrs.	1	1	0	Shearer, Thoms, Esq.	2	2	0
McKay, Miss E. Y.		5	0	Sive Bros. & Karnovsky	10	10	0
McKiernin, Mrs. (in mem-				Sleading & Tidmarsh, The			
ory of her Husband)	1	0	0	Misses	1	1	0
Natal Building Society				Smith, A. N., Esq.	2	2	0
(Johannesburg Branch)	5	5	0	Smith, Miss Town	2	10	0
New Consolidated Gold-				Solomon, Miss S.		4	6
fields Ltd.	10	0	0	South African General			
Newdigate, Miss F.	1	1	6	Electric Co. Ltd.	5	5	0
New Union Goldfields Ltd.	10	0	0	Spilhaus & Co., Wm., Ltd.	5	0	0
Nicholas, D. L., Esq.	1	0	0	Sprigg, Miss J.		10	0
Niven, Robert, Esq.	5	0	0	Standard Bank of S.A. Ltd.	10	10	0
Ohlssons Cape Breweries				Standard Building Society	2	1	0
Ltd.	2	2	0	Stanley Motors Ltd.	1	1	0
O.K. Bazaars	5	5	0	Stewarts & Lloyds Ltd.	25	0	0
Ossher, Mr. & Mrs. A. M.	1	1	0	Stidolph, Miss	1	0	0
Ossher, Y. I., Esq. (in				Strachan, Mrs.	1	1	6
memory of his Uncle				Stuttafords & Co. Ltd.	1	1	0
Theodore Berson)	2	10	0	Syfret's Trust Co. Ltd.	5	5	0
Overend, Mrs.	1	0	0	Tarry, Messrs. E. W. & Co.	5	5	0

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Teggin, Miss	10	0		Johannesburg High School			
Thatcher, Miss	5	0		for Girls, Barnato Park	7	1	0
Thomas, Dr. & Mrs. Smeath	1	1	0	V.G.H.S., Macdonald House			
Thompson, James (Pty.)				(Proceeds of Concert)	15	0	3
Ltd.	1	1	0				
Thomson, Samuel, Esq.	10	0	0	<b>Societies.</b>			
Unger, F. A., Esq.	5	5	0	Books for Troops & Ships,			
Union-Castle Mail S.S. Co.				per Mrs. Syfret	25	0	0
Ltd.	2	2	0	Church Council, St. Michael's			
United Building Society	21	0	0	& All Angels, Boksburg	2	0	0
Van der Walt, Mr. L. A.	2	0		East London Society for			
Van Dorsten, Miss I.	5	0		Civilian Blind	5	5	0
Van Eyssen, Miss Esme	1	0	0	Governor-General's Fund	100	0	0
Van Niekerk, Mr. C. W.	10	0		Gwatyn - Bolotwa Ladies,			
Van Velden, Mr. A. C.	1	1	0	per Miss Dicks	10	0	0
Varder, Mrs.	10	6		National Home Reading			
Venter, Miss Anna	5	0		Union, East London	1	0	0
Venter, Mr. E.	1	0	0	Port Elizabeth Society for			
Vernal, Mrs.	1	1	0	Civilian Blind	5	0	0
Verster, Miss I.	1	0		Pretoria Jewish Helping			
Vincent, Mrs.	1	1	0	Hand Society (2 years)	2	2	0
Viney, A. D., Esq.	2	2	0	Rhodesian Society for the			
Von Linsingen, Mrs.	1	13	0	Care of the Blind	5	5	0
Vyvyan, Mrs.	2	2	0	S.A. Railways & Harbours			
Waldorf Ltd.	2	2	0	(refund)	7	8	11
Wallis, Mrs. J. G.	5	0	0	S.A. St. Dunstan's (Pro-			
Westley, A. J., Esq.	1	0	0	ceeds of Music Recitals			
White, Mrs. F. R.	2	2	0	organised by Lt. Morris)	66	3	0
Wiles, C. C., Esq.	10	0		Staff, Main Store, Rand-			
Wilk, A. (Pty.) Ltd.	3	3	0	fontein	3	0	0
Will, Mrs.	10	6		Trinity Church Women's			
Wood, Mrs. B. C.	1	1	0	Association (Senior)	1	0	0
Wood, C. H., Esq.	10	6					
Wood, Mrs. Henry	1	1	6	<b>Clubs.</b>			
Worthington, Miss V. E.	3	0	0	Fort England Bowling Club			
				(Tribe Pairs)	1	10	0
<b>Street Collection.</b>							
Grahamstown	44	19	4	<b>Public Libraries and other</b>			
<b>Boy Scout and Girl Guide</b>				<b>Collecting Boxes.</b>			
<b>Associations.</b>				Aliwal North	13	6	0
Molteno	1	10	0	Barberton	1	5	7
<b>Schools.</b>				Bedford	2	0	0
Anzac Government School,				Benoni	7	2	6
Brakpan	3	10	0	Bloemfontein	12	6	
Diocesan College, Ronde-				Boksburg	7	10	0
bosch	30	0	0	Ceres	13	6	
D.S.G., Grahamstown	5	0	0	Colesberg	2	17	6
do. (Strong House)	2	2	9	East London	1	8	0
				Ermelo	1	1	6
				Grahamstown	3	18	0

	£	s.	d.
Idutywa Standard Bank	1	11	3
Kimberley	2	5	0
King William's Town	10	13	0
Kokstad	19	2	
Kuruman	14	0	
Ladysmith (Natal)	1	1	0
Malmesbury	7	6	
Middelburg (Cape)	2	9	6
Ngamakwe	1	6	6
Oudtshoorn	1	3	6
Pietermaritzburg	2	2	6
Port Alfred	2	11	3
Port Elizabeth	2	15	0
Pretoria, State Library	13	16	2
Queenstown	2	0	0
Rondebosch	2	0	0
Simonstown	1	17	0
Umtata	1	10	0
Willowvale	3	3	6
Witbank Club, Witbank	5	0	0
Wynberg	1	1	0

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**Grants for Talking Book  
Equipment.**

St. Dunstan's African Com- mittee (per Mrs. Chad- wick Bates)	50	0	0
S. African National Coun- cil for the Blind	50	0	0

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£100 0 0

**Provincial Councils.**

**Grants-in-Aid.**

Cape Province	200	0	0
Transvaal	212	10	0
Natal	50	0	0
O.F.S.	25	0	0

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£487 10 0

**Social Welfare Grant-in-Aid.**

Social Welfare	200	0	0
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**Municipalities.**

Grahamstown	10	0	0
Johannesburg	10	0	0
Queenstown	2	2	0

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£22 2 0

**Divisional Councils.**

Albany	5	0	0
Port Elizabeth	10	0	0

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£15 0 0

**PROVIDENT FUND FOR THE S.A. LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.**

Emslie, Miss	5	0	0
Union Corporation Ltd.	20	0	0
Watson, Miss	10	0	
United Tobacco Companies (South) Ltd.	25	0	0

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£50 10 0

## RULES.

1. The books are lent free of charge.
2. The books go by post by special rate to any part of the Union.  
(For rates see back of cover.) Books must not be sent by rail.
3. Readers are requested to send a list of books required, and to return each volume as soon as read.
4. A volume may be kept for one month unless needed for study, when, with the permission of the Librarian, it may be kept for a longer period.
5. Readers are asked not to keep magazines or knitting patterns, but to return each one with the book with which it is sent.
6. Readers are begged to take great care of the books, to keep them clean and free from damp, and not to turn down pages.
7. Canvas covers, cardboard covers or strong paper and string are used for packing the books. Readers should pack the books carefully in these for return postage.
8. Readers are begged to let the Librarian know at once of any change of address.
9. Any infectious or contagious illness shall *at once* be notified to the Librarian.
10. Anyone wanting to borrow books should send a letter of reference from a J.P., a clergyman or other well-known person acquainted with them.
11. All letters referring to books, Braille paper, etc., should be addressed to:

THE SECRETARY,  
South African Library for the Blind,  
Grahamstown.



## POSTAL REGULATIONS.

### LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND.

Papers of any kind, periodicals, and books, impressed or to be impressed in "Braille," or other special type for the use of the blind, when posted within the Union for transmission to a place within the Union, are transmissible at the rate given below, provided that they—

- (a) do not contain any communication, either in writing or printed in ordinary type, except the title and table of contents of the book or periodical and any key to or instructions for the use of the special type, or any enclosure except a label for the return of the packet;
- (b) bear on the outside the inscription "Literature for the Blind," and the name and address of the sender;
- (c) be posted either without a cover or in a cover open at both ends which can easily be removed for examination of the contents;

For a packet not exceeding 3lb. in weight.....	½d.
For a packet exceeding 3lb. and not exceeding 7lb.....	1d.
For a packet exceeding 7lb. and not exceeding 11lb.....	1½d.
For a packet exceeding 11lb. and not exceeding 15lb. 6oz. . .	2d.

The limit of weight is 15lb. 6oz., and the maximum dimensions are the same as for letters.

Voice records on discs, styled "Talking Book records," securely packed, are also transmissible at the above rates, provided they are despatched from or addressed to certain recognised institutes for the blind. (Page 42, Post Office Guide, January, 1941.)



# THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND, GRAHAMSTOWN.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1945

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
SUNDRY CREDITORS.	£45	2 4	PROPERTY.	£2946	5 0
DEVELOPMENT FUND	1000	0 0	As at 31st December 1944	29	10 0
STAFF PROVIDENT FUND:			Less Depreciation 1%		£2916 15 0
Balance at 31st December 1944	£2968	0 7	BOOKS AND CASES.		
Add Public Donations	50	10 0	As at 31st December 1944	828	4 0
Society's Contribution	50	0 0	Add Additions less Sales	67	16 10
	3068	10 7		896	0 10
Less Withdrawals	212	17 0	Less Depreciation 10%		806 8 9
	2855	13 7	FURNITURE, FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT.		
Add Staff Contributions	140	0 0	As at 31st Decemebr 1944	195	6 6
	2995	13 7	Additions during the Year	22	10 0
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:				217	16 6
As at 31st December 1944	5583	19 5	Less Depreciation 7½%	16	6 6
Add Sundry Bequests	1358	7 4			201 10 0
Talking Book Donations	100	0 0	TALKING BOOK RECORDS AND EQUIPMENT.		
Gift Books	6	15 2	As at 31st December 1944	550	4 0
Special Donations	557	18 11	Additions less Sales	574	2 2
Balance on Income and Ex- penditure A/c	218	18 4		1124	6 2
	7825	19 2	Less Depreciation 20%	224	17 2
					899 9 0
			STOCKS ON HAND.		
			Paper, etc.	2	2 3
			Braille Machines	22	0 0
			Needles	12	10 0
					36 12 4
			SUNDRY DEBTORS.		
			Accrued Grants	212	10 0
			Accrued Interest	45	1 2
					257 11 2
			PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE		3 15 0
			DEVELOPMENT FUND INVESTMENT.		
			S.A. Permanent Building Society. Fixed Deposit	1000	0 0
			INVESTMENTS.		
			United Building Soc. Paid-up Shares	1200	0 0
			E.P. Building Soc. Paid-up Shares	300	0 0
			E.P. Guardian Co. Fixed Deposit	50	0 0
			E.P. Building Soc. Fixed Deposit	200	0 0
					1750 0 0
			STAFF PROVIDENT FUND INVESTMENTS.		
			Standard Bank	22	1 9
			P.O. Savings Account	258	11 10
			P.O. Certificates	1000	0 0
			Union Loan Certificates	1575	0 0
					2855 13 7
			CASH AND BANK BALANCES.		
			Standard Bank. Current Account	721	11 4
			E.P. Building Soc. At Call	173	0 5
			E.P. Guardian Co. At Call	244	6 5
			Cash in hand	2	1
					1139 0 3
					£11866 15 1
					£11866 15 1

I hereby certify that I have examined the above Balance Sheet of The South African Library for the Blind as at 31st December, 1945, and in my opinion, it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Society.

E. A. P. WAGSTAFF,  
Certified Accountant,  
Auditor.

20th March, 1946.

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
1945. Dec. 31.			1945. Dec. 31.		
To Salaries and Bonuses	£810	16 6	By Donations, Subscriptions and Collections.	£737	17 0
„ Wages	56	10 0	„ Rents Receivable	163	0 0
„ Rates and Taxes	42	15 10	„ Grants:—		
„ Advertising, Printing and Stationery	52	2 0	Provincial Councils:		
„ Accountancy	12	0 0	Natal	50	0 0
„ Insurance	11	7 8	Cape	200	0 0
„ Lighting	4	19 3	O.F.S.	25	0 0
„ Repairs	6	6 5	Transvaal	212	10 0
„ Sundry Expenses	15	6 6			
„ Donations to Institutions	22	0 0	Department of Social Welfare	487	10 0
„ Postages and Stamps	70	8 9	Divisional Councils:—	200	0 0
„ Staff Provident Fund Contribution	50	0 0	Albany	5	0 0
„ Depreciation:—			Port Elizabeth	10	0 0
Property 1%	£29	10 0			
Furniture and Equipmen 7½%	16	6 6	Municipalities:		
Books, Cases, etc., 10%	89	12 1	Johannesburg	10	0 0
Talking Book Equipment 20%	224	17 2	Grahamstown	10	0 0
	360	5 9	Queenstown	2	2 0
	1514	18 8	„ Interest and Dividends	22	2 0
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	218	18 4		108	8 0
	£1733	17 0			
				£1733	17 0

